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DEFENDANT SENTENCED TO 108 MONTHS IN PRISON IN CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CASES

RE: UNITED STATES v. CHRISTOPHER DECHICK

Michael A. Battle, the United States Attorney for the Western District of New York, announced today that Christopher DeChick, age 32, of 75 Cherry Street, Apartment #2, Geneva, New York, was sentenced by the Honorable Charles J. Siragusa, United States District Court Judge, to 108 months in prison, fined \$1,000 and placed on supervised release for life in connection with his two guilty pleas on April 8, 2004 and July 16, 2004 to possession of child pornography, each charge carrying a maximum of ten years imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard A. Resnick, who handled the case, stated that on April 8, 2004, DeChick pled guilty to possessing more than 2,200 child pornography images on his home computer. DeChick had been trading child pornography images

with an undercover special agent.

After DeChick pled guilty on April 8, 2004, and while he was awaiting sentencing, DeChick's residence was searched and child pornography was again found in his possession. Subsequently, on July 16, 2004, DeChick pled guilty to a second charge of possessing child pornography.

DeChick's sentence of 108 months was based on the fact that he was trading child pornography; he had a large number of images; some of the images contained sadistic conduct; and he used a computer to commit the crimes.

The charges in this case were the culmination of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Peter Ahearn.

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